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Subjects Covered: Land reform and socialization of agriculture; land redistribution; regimentation of peasants.

Scholarship Evaluation: Official documents; valuable for information regarding early policies on differentiation of class status

Review: Reprints of two documents "How to Classify the Rural Classes" and "Decisions on Some Problems of Land Reform" on the differentiation of class status in the countryside which were first announced by the Chinese Soviets at Jui-chin in 1933. These two documents were reissued by the party in 1948 and are again reprinted (with the approval of the Government Administration Council) as basic documents applicable to land-reform. These two documents are supplemented by a third document by the Government Administration Council, "Some New Decisions of the Government Administration Council." The categories of landlords, rich peasants, middle class peasants, poor peasants, and workers are clarified by explanations and supplemental decisions of the council.

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